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Getting all the right steps

Assemblyman Joseph Suliga, D-Union, has put forward a bill that would funnel \$3 million in state money into the bridge. According to Suliga's aide, Karl Reiff, the money is earmarked for "general construction costs" but could be used where it is most needed in replacing the Lawrence Street bridge.



Suliga has gotten a commitment for a hearing on the bill at the next meeting of the Assembly Transportation Committee from its chairman, Alex DeCroce, R-26.

When asked why Soliga had proposed this bill, Reiff said, "He's very close with a lot of people in Railway and this is a common-sense piece of legislation. This used to serve thousands and thousands of vehicles — this served 2,000 trucks daily once it's not fair for a community to subject to all this rerouting of traffic."

No similar bill has been proposed for the Millers Point bridge replacement. Construction on this will not begin until the replacement for the Lawrence Street bridge is complete.

Ann Fairchild leads the senior citizens in Line Dancing instruction. Senior citizens may participate in the class, which is offered at Brewer House on Westfield Avenue. Call 381-3823 for more information.

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Take the deal

That ticking sound you hear is from the clock showing how time is running out regarding the Union County Utilities Authority. We've seen enough political power-grabbing, heard enough rhetoric and smelled enough maneuvering. It's time for this county's public officials to take action. That action only can be unanimous agreement to send all municipalities' solid waste to the UCUA's incinerator in Rahway. Anything short of that will result in the failure of the UCUA to continue paying its debt.

If the utilities authority defaults on its hundreds of millions of dollars in bonded debt, every taxpayer in Union County will know it. County taxes will have to increase, because the county government has guaranteed \$35 million of that debt.

That wouldn't be the end of the world — in a county that spends eight times as much annually, we wonder if \$35 million paid throughout the years would be noticed — but there's no need to let it happen.

There is a deal on the table to lease the UCUA incinerator to Ogdon-Martin, the firm that built and operates it. It's a mutually beneficial arrangement that we urge the UCUA board of commissioners to accept. However, to do that, the board will need to be able to assure Ogdon-Martin that the flow of solid waste from all 21 towns in this county to the incinerator will continue.

There is no reason that can't be accomplished. It's true that all politics is local and that governments in communities as different as Linden and Summit have different goals and priorities, but this must prompt unity.

On Page One of this newspaper is a story reporting local officials' reaction to the proposed deal. In it, the figures are listed, including the sum the town will save through a new and improved solid waste agreement.

Now is the time to act. There are forces in government, from Trenton to Congress to the U.S. Supreme Court, that could respond to the UCUA crisis in ways unfavorable to the people who live here.

Politics is local. The local politicians who represent the people who live here must accept this offer. We urge them to take the deal.

Ounces of prevention

With a few days remaining in National Fire Prevention Week, we express our appreciation to the Fire Department for the efforts its personnel have made to educate children.

Fire safety could be taught any day of any week, but there's something about such a lesson coming from those who have to fight fires that makes kids pay special attention.

Whether it's a tour of the station, the presence of a fire truck or a talk with a firefighter in the classroom, whatever a fire department can do to teach the value of caution and safety to children will last a lifetime.

There's no denying it: A firefighter in uniform can leave an impression on a child that parents and teachers might not. Kids often have a knack for appreciating one's experience.

In journalism, the attention paid to fires and their victims is reported in hindsight as tragedy. While we are fortunate in this area not to have too much experience with fatal blazes, it is a great pleasure to note, with thanks, the efforts made to promote prevention and safety.

To reinforce the lessons the Fire Department offers this week, we urge adults to impart the same knowledge to the children in their lives. Show them how smoke alarms work and what they sound like; let them help prepare exit strategies at home in case of fire; teach them how to properly use those appliances that commonly cause fires; make certain they know how to contact authorities if they encounter a fire anywhere.

Those are real life lessons that can't wait until next October.

Services were not interrupted

Linda Norden Ward, a 39-year-old Linden resident, was finally sentenced last week for stealing \$255,696 from Rahway Hospital. Her penalty was five years in New Jersey State Prison.

The Union County Prosecutor's Office noted that the hospital cooperated in the investigation. This enabled an internal audit, made available to prosecutors in February, that included a review of the account in question.

We commend Rahway Hospital for not allowing this issue to disrupt its vital services. Our community relies on the hospital for its swift treatment of the sick. But even though this massive theft occurred, those services were not affected.

"Those who say they give the public what it wants underestimate the public taste and end up debauching it."

—T.S. Eliot
author, poet
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OPEN HOUSE — Mayor James Kennedy addresses the guests at a recent open house at the new Senior Center located on Esterbrook Avenue. The city has been continuing an effort to renovate the center's facilities.

Help your child make sense of the world

Webster's dictionary defines intuition as "a viewpoint that traditional values and beliefs are unfounded and that existence is senseless and useless."

I bring this word to readers' attention because it has been repeated in just about every news article about the murder of Eddie Warner, an 11-year-old boy from Jackson Township, who was found in reference to the autopsy of 15-year-old murder suspect Sam Manzie, who spent many hours working in the woods near the site of the crime.

Manzie, the band's lead singer, is the favorite "grunge" rock band, Smashing Pumpkins.

This story certainly hit home because of its timeliness — in a few weeks, many parents will let their children travel door-to-door in search of Halloween goodies. It was Warner's door-to-door traveling that resulted in a terrible death rather than a successful fund-raising venture.

Some say this horrible occurrence is a microcosm of decline in suburban child safety. Now more than ever, it seems murder and sexual assault are not reserved for some ill-minded madman unsympathetically lurking behind the

Skylines

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Managing Editor

closed doors of a neighborhood home. Criminal behavior is even more alarming when the violent scenario involves what would seem to be "average" suburban children.

The newspapers have exploited Manzie's interest in the Pumpkins' aggressive music. Also closely scrutinized has been Manzie's sexual affair with a 43-year-old Long Island businesswoman he met on the Internet.

Personally, I understand why so many children have been written about in the pages of the Pumpkins' lyrics. Manzie's web pages focused on the rock band's outpouring of angst. How much influence do these negative lyrics have on the current young generation? Billy

Corpus, the band's award-winning single, "Mouth," has made comments pertaining to the notion that music icons may be deemed as spokespersons for a generation.

From an artist's perspective, Corbin said his music explored "the kind of nihilistic anger that a 16-year-old feels." He also was quoted, "The point is I'm just trying to say what somebody might say in anger. It's not always the truth, but it's from an emotion."

What I don't understand is how nihilism, striving to do so many teenage music listeners, can completely overlook the child's entire moral character. For Manzie, these emotions turned into an obsession for lyrics like "God is empty, just like me." These feelings were strong enough to deter the suspect's behavior to a severely dangerous point. Just a week before the murder, the suspect's parents tried desperately to have him committed to a psychiatric facility.

Interestingly, Manzie had attended Catholic schools and was intelligent enough to win an essay contest on the topic of "The Friendship." Yet all I can see is the image of a strangely innocent boy who certainly deserved better than such a wretched fate.

The Pumpkins' album "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" has sold four million copies worldwide. But is it the source of blame for this murder? Not entirely.

Although Manzie's favorite music glorified sadness and emotional pain, the blame should be shifted elsewhere. I believe Manzie's disregard for human life and mental instability happened because of his inability to listen to reality. There are four million people listening to the same music but all of them aren't committing mortal sins.

It's far too late to say Manzie should have been getting professional psychiatric help. But it's not too late to ask parents to make a concerted effort to use our roads and highways, and to be on guard when they go in their way.

This type of anger is the most stupid, foolish and no-brain kind of rage, since it can end in death or serious injuries. None of us like to be cut off, or victims of tailgating or drivers who suddenly change lanes for no reason at all except to get ahead of the driver one car ahead. However, what is most annoying is the driver who hangs on the horn to get you to go faster and when he or she finally does pass you, gestures rudely as if to be sure you were scolded.

Since speeding is one of the prime causes of traffic accidents that lead to death and injury, and the consequent dissolution of families, I would think that drivers who have a penchant to push down hard on the accelerator, think twice of the consequences. That's a reason, too, to wear your seat belt should be continued. We all know that many of us drive over the 55 limit at times, but if we give drivers the license to legally go 60 to 65, there will be many who will be tempted to push their cars to 70 or even 80. Now you don't have to be a "racer" to know your car's speed limit. 2,000 pound cars collide at that speed, death or maiming is generally the outcome.

But there are those who pursue road rage the same way as the old west vigilantes.

Human population growth is the decisive factor for overdevelopment. Recent census reports have revealed that America is receiving the highest percentage of immigrants since the 1930s, and that more than 1 out of 10 in the U.S. are foreign-born. The Morrison Proposal of 1990 increased the amount of legal immigrants from 530,000 a year to 900,000. This was passed despite the fact that most Americans were against it — according to a Roper poll, only 9 percent of Americans wanted an increase. Our borders, which are alarmingly understaffed, see more than 1 million illegal aliens violate our laws to sneak into the country. South Korea has 30,000 U.S. troops guarding its frontier; the U.S. has none.

Another factor, which should weigh on American taxpayers' minds, is the costs associated with immigration. Dr. Donald Huddle of Rice University projects that the cost of immigration from 1995 to 2004 will be \$688 billion. Population/Environment Balance projects 1996 costs to taxpayers to be more than \$122 billion.

Think locally, the costs associated for New Jersey residents. New schools and upgrades, as well as expansion of old ones, increased hiring of police officers to provide maintenance and security, increased traffic congestion and pollution, all to be added on the American taxpayer. Many people living on fixed incomes will be forced out of their homes.

I urge all readers to call or write their congressmen and demand that they support or support HR-347, which is being introduced in the House and which will put a moratorium on all immigration.

Elton Corbin
Union

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The U.S. Government bankrupt. Does that surprise you or send chills down your spine? Well, it should. Senate report 93-549, 93rd Congress, First Session 1973 acts but one recent reference. The document is 607 pages long. Most interesting is that the United States went bankrupt in 1933. President Roosevelt declared this ominous news by Executive Orders 6073, 6102, 6111, and 6260. The issue date of the last Executive Order is March 9, 1933.

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By Ronald J. Johnson

Suspend the Gold Standard and Abrogate the Gold Clause, June 5, 1933.

The several states of the union pledged faith and credit to the national government. The results of which will further shock you, as numerous "socialist" committees were formed, such as the "Council of State

PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE

Bus operator honored

NT Transit and the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association joined forces on Sept. 14 to honor NT Transit's bus operators for their sensitivity to senior citizens and passengers with disabilities. Among the honorees was Teresa Odom of Linden.

For the 6th annual NJ Transit/EPVA Bus Operators Appreciation Awards Program, NJ Transit bus passengers were invited to nominate bus operators who provide courteous and professional service to individuals with disabilities and senior citizens bus riders. NJ Transit Executive Director Shirley A. DeLibero, EPVA Associate Executive Director John Del Colle and NJ Transit Vice President/General Manager for Bus Operations Maureen Milne presented the awards.

Libero said, "Senior citizens and people with disabilities are the lifeblood of NJ Transit when making their travel plans because we are committed to making public transportation comfortable and enjoyable for everyone. This program is intended to reward those bus operators who are out there every day putting that commitment into practice by their professionalism and compassion."

NJ Transit received more than 500 nominations from throughout the state. The most outstanding nominee was selected from each of NJ Transit's 15 bus garages to be honored at the ceremony. The bus operator received a certificate of appreciation, a special lapel pin and their names were entered into a random drawing for a color television donated by EPVA.

"I was really shocked to be nominated, but this is great. I know I've tried to always go that extra mile for my passengers, but words can't describe how good I feel about receiving this kind of recognition," said Teresa Odom, who has 13 years of service as a bus operator.

John Del Colle, associate executive director of the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, commended NJ Transit for its efforts to serve senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. Del Colle said, "EPVA is proud to be a co-sponsor of the bus operators award program. We congratulate the bus operators for the outstanding service they provide each day and NJ Transit for the fine job they do in training, equipping, and motivating bus operators to provide quality service to senior citizens and people with disabilities."

Since 1983, NJ Transit has trained its bus drivers to be sensitive to the needs of senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. Through operator sensitivity training, NJ Transit provides employees with the technical skills needed to operate mobility equipment as well as the interpersonal skills that are essential when serving riders who have difficulty boarding and exiting vehicles.

Nevins elected

Theodore F. Nevins was elected president of the Railway Historical Society at the group's annual meeting held at the close of the spring season. He was installed as president at a recent meeting of the organization's Board of Trustees.

In his acceptance remarks, Nevins stated that he will continue implementation of the interior restoration of the Merchants and Drovers Tavern, stressing that museum development is proceeding on schedule.

"Planning for continued growth and development will be a high priority," said Nevins. "I am fortunate to have such an energetic and visionary board and director with which to work, and dedicated volunteers who are helping to make a new museum possible."

Other slots on the executive committee were filled by Carol Remington, vice president; William A. Rack, treasurer; and Alan Hovest, secretary. Former president Carol F. Chapin, who served in that capacity for four years, was named a trustee of the organization, along with Catherine M. Nevins, former vice president. Two new trustees, Michael Melia and Catherine R. Papirnik, were also elected.

A small gift and a framed certificate of appreciation were presented to Chapin in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the growth and direction of the organization. During her term of office, the organization expanded its operations and made significant strides toward implementation of museum goals.

Readers bring singing voices

Beginning tonight, the Railway Public Library will present "Sing America: Voices of Contemporary American Poets." The five-week series will explore the works of 20 modern poets as Allen Ginsberg, U.S. Post Laureate Rita Dove, Gwendolyn Brooks, A.R. Ammons, Adrienne Rich and Gary Soto.

"Sing America" is a free program designed to introduce people to recent American poetry as well as promote the library as a place to experience the humanities. There is no program on October 30. Each of the five sessions will feature a presentation about the poet, an opportunity to listen to an interview with that poet from National Public Radio, and then participation in a discussion about what the poet's work says to you. A guide book and a series of tapes are loaned to participants.

Leading the discussion of the poets will be Sandra Fishinger. Fishinger is Senior Professor of English at Union County College. A graduate of Kenyon College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Drew University, her specialty is 19th and 20th century American literature. Fishinger has been active for many years in presenting the humanities to New Jersey residents and served for over 15 years as a group discussion leader and evaluator of reading and discussion programs for, and for the past six years as a board member of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. A long-time resident of Rahway, she has also been a member of the Railway Public Library Board of Trustees since 1991, and has been president of the board since 1996.

While the program is free, registration is limited to 40 participants. To register, contact the Railway Public Library at 388-0761, or speak to someone at the circulation desk at the library located at the corner of Central and St. Georges avenues.

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AT THE LIBRARY

Library programs

Linden
Linden Free Public Library's semi-annual series of pre-school programs will be starting in early October. A parent or guardian must accompany each child. Pre-registration is required. It is suggested to register early because spaces will fill up quickly.

• At the East Branch, 1425 Dill Ave., pre-school programs will be held on Wednesdays, until Oct. 29 at 1:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5. For further information or to register for the Wednesday afternoon programs at the East Branch, call children's librarian Albusa Ning at 289-3829.

• Sunnyside Branch, 100 Edgewood Road, will present its programs on Thursdays at 10 a.m. for ages 3 and 4. For further information or to register for the Thursday morning programs at the Sunnyside Branch, call children's librarian Carol Reider at 298-3839.

• At the Main Library, 31 East Henry St., pre-school programs will be held on Wednesdays, Oct. 15 to Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 to 5. For further information or to register for the Wednesday morning programs at the Main Library, call children's librarian Mary Skramovsky at 298-3830.

Do you have any handover or paperback books in good condition which you no longer want, but don't want to throw away and don't know what to do with? Donate them to the Friends of Linden Library for sale at their annual book sale in October. The Friends are looking for novels, mysteries, biographies, science fiction, children's books, books on handy crafts, even complete games in boxes. Sorry, old college textbooks aren't good. Drop them off at any Linden Library branch. Linden Library's main branch is located at 31 East Henry St. Other branches are at 1425 Dill Ave. and 100 Edgewood Road. While you're there, ask for details about joining the Friends of Linden Library.

October marks safety

Whether it's a tractor or the noisy siren, something attracts children to fire engines. So, building on that interest, the fire departments in Linden and Rahway, together with the public libraries in those two cities and Merck and Co., are developing two fire safety modules for the Children's Department in both libraries.

The design for the Fire Safety Centers will be in the form of a real fire truck, but child-sized. Both fire trucks will have seats for children, and shelves on one side to hold materials about fire safety. Lettering on the sides will indicate that it is a fire engine from that particular community. The project was developed by Battalion Chief Robert Lathrop of the Rahway Fire Department. He had read an article about an identical program at the Ramsey Public Library, and thought it would be equally effective here. Lathrop spoke with his counterparts at Merck Deputy Chief Robert Yalner and Linden's Capt. Larry Lukens, as well as the two library directors. Both libraries agreed to add the mini-pumpers to their libraries, and Merck agreed to assume the cost of constructing the units.

October is Fire Safety Month, so expect to see the new fire engines wheel into the Rahway and Linden libraries soon. And expect to see young children happily learning about fire safety while ensconced in their city's newest piece of fire fighting apparatus.

Children's programs

Registration for the fall series of children's programs at the Rahway Public Library is underway, and there are just a few spaces left. In fact, the Wednesday morning program is already at capacity. The series begins during the week and runs until the end of November.

Each program is for a different age group. Seating is limited to 20 children of that particular age group. Sorry, no big brothers or sisters are allowed. Space is available in the following times: Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and afternoon, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Programs at the library are free. First choice at seating goes to children who have a Rahway Library card or other acceptable ID with the parent's name and address. For more information about what is available for children, call the Rahway Library at 381-4110.

Book covers offered
Is the family Bible crumbling? Is your favorite novel looking worn?

Everyone is welcome to come to Nighttime Storytime, which is a 30-minute session on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. This program, and the others during the week, are done by Mary Pitting, head of Children's Services. A few spaces are also left in this fall's Library Club, which is geared to kids in grades 4 through 6. The Library Club is led by library assistant Paul O'Mahoney, and meets twice a month on Mondays after school. Children are voting during the month of September for what Saturday program they would like in October. The choices are between "Sky High" and "Adventure". The majority's favorite will be held on Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. Other Saturday programs will be on Nov. 15, Thanksgiving craft, and Dec. 13, how to wrap presents. Librarian Jean Retzke leads the Saturday series.

A special treat will be the return of storyteller Ruth Blake on Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. She will present a family-oriented program that even includes grandparents. This program is made possible by a grant from the New Jersey State Library.

Has your Zerkman become misbehaved? The Rahway Public Library can now offer you a program to get it all together from two study centers. The library will pick the item, arrange for periodic delivery to LBC, and contact you when it is ready. Turn-around time is usually a month from time of shipment. LBC uses a standard Grade F, forest green book-ram, with black lettering. Depending on the size, type and condition of the item, the cost can run between \$30 and \$120 plus shipping.

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you. You'll have a book rebound or repaired, ship by the Rahway Library at the corner of Central and St. Georges avenues, and pick up a "Book Binding for the Public" information flyer.

Book group meets

The next meeting of the Clark Public Library book discussion group is scheduled for Oct. 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the library's Ayer's meeting room. The book for discussion is Carl Sagan's "Contact." Copies of this

book are available for check out at the circulation desk or through the reference librarian. Advance registration is appreciated, but not required.

The Clark Public Library is located at 203 Westfield Ave. If any individual requires special assistance or assistance technology for the program, contact the library director at (732) 388-5999 as far in advance as possible so arrangements can be made. Wally Lamb's "She's Come Undone" will be discussed at the Dec. 8 meeting.

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in School Leader, the official publication of the NJ School Boards Association. Epps is also the Secretary of the Clark Federation of School Employees and he oversees the production of that group's newsletter. His writing has also appeared in prominent national publications such as USA Today and UP New and World Report. A professional beer writer and critic, he has written for several beer magazines, both in print and online. A major New Jersey online company, NJersey.com, has bought the exclusive rights to his "PubScout" columns which should be appearing at the end of September.

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ALJ teacher earns recognition

Dr. Carl Epps, principal at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, has been named Teacher of the Month for the month of September 1997.

Epps, 59, was born and raised in Perth Amboy, graduated from Perth Amboy High School in 1965. He received his B.A. in English with a minor in Speech and Dramatics from Montclair State College in 1969. In that year he was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. He has been a classroom teacher of English, Drama and Journalism for 28 years, and in 1992 was named to Who's Who Among American Teachers. He holds a Master of Arts degree from Kean College. He has been recognized on Who's Who in America - Eastern Region for civic service.

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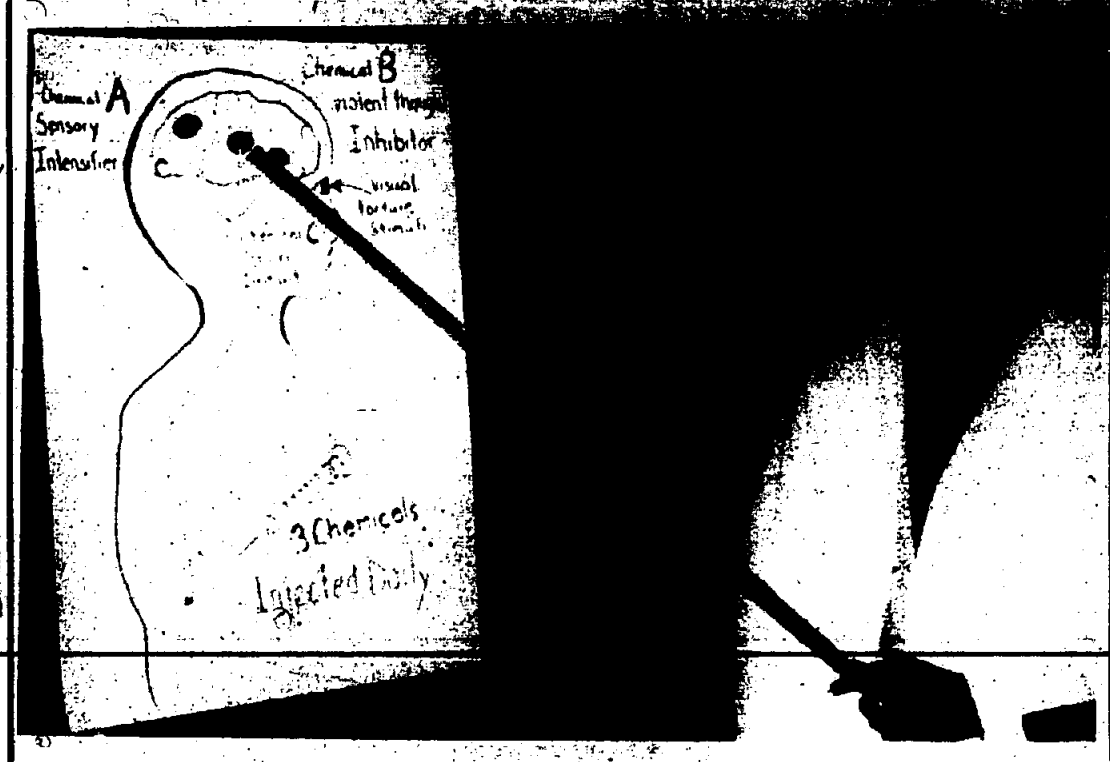
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Summer reading revisited



J.D. Flynn, a sophomore at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, dons the persona of a doctor to help explain a malady of Alex, the violent teen character in the novel "A Clockwork Orange." This was one of the three books Flynn selected to read as part of the required summer reading for Honors English I class. Students presented book reports orally with visual aids, props and costumes.

EDUCATION

KidCare legislation

Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, R-Union, will co-sponsor legislation to create New Jersey KidCare, a new state program for children of the working poor.

The program will make \$136 million available to provide health insurance coverage for 102,000 children in New Jersey.

"We must do all we can to make sure our children grow up healthy and safe, and children of the working poor are most likely to be lacking health care coverage," he said. "With New Jersey KidCare, these children will now have access to health care which can improve their quality of life."

New Jersey KidCare will be funded by \$88.4 million in federal funds annually, which will be combined with \$47.6 million in state matching funds.

Under the plan, comprehensive, managed care coverage will be available for uninsured children with family incomes between 133 and 200 percent of the poverty level. Health insurance will be provided for children of families with incomes of up to 200 percent of the poverty level, which is \$16,000 for a family of four. In addition, the program will expand the Medicaid program to cover all children with family incomes up to 133 percent of the poverty level.

Through New Jersey KidCare, children will be eligible for preventive services, hospitalization, doctor care, lab and X-ray, prescription, mental health services, dental, vision and hearing services.

Initially, we hope to ensure coverage for as many uninsured children as possible," Augustine said. "But our ultimate goal is to provide all of New Jersey's children with health insurance coverage."

Foundation celebrates

The Rahway Foundation for Excellence in Education celebrates its fifth anniversary during the 1997-98 school year. The mission of the Foundation established in 1992 with a grant from Merck & Co., is to encourage timely innovative projects that enrich the educational process by providing a supplemental source of funding to teachers and students in the Rahway Public Schools.

Since its inception in 1992 the Foundation has awarded 73 \$500 grants totaling \$27,600 which has involved more than 3,000 public school students. Grants have covered topics that range from ecological/environmental projects to book binding projects of family stories and fables and fairy tales. Projects integrate all aspects of curriculum from language arts to math and science.

Educators in all six Rahway Public Schools are eligible to submit applications to the Foundation's Allotments committee in the fall and spring. Grants are awarded competitively based upon the quality and educational components of the grant request. The Foundation is an organization

Reunion concert planned

The Union County Regional High School District may have been divided into separate schools this year, but the Alumni Chorus from the years 1945-1970 continue as one. Mildred Midkiff, the choral director at Dayton High School in Springfield, and Johnson High School in Clark, will reunite the alumni members of her choruses and present the Alumni Choral Reunion Concert on Oct. 18.

Chorus members who were taught by Midkiff and wish to participate are encouraged to call (908) 815-0682 for further details.

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Historical Society turns back the clock with candlelit scene

The Merchants and Drovers Tavern, a 200-year-old building in Rahway, is the site of a candlelit scene on Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 for the annual ghost tour for children. On both Saturday nights, the old tavern will be inhabited by characters from the past who will recount legends of ghosts as the visitor is escorted through tavern rooms from the first to the third floor. Sponsored by the Rahway Historical Society, the tour is designed for young people from the ages of six to 14.

"Each Ghost Night will interpret the life as it was about 1800," Catherine Nevin, event chairman, said. "Costumed tavern staff recreating historical activities in the candlelit tavern will help to establish the atmosphere of almost two hundred years ago."

RELIGION

Bank aids meals group
Meals on Wheels, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing hot meals to homebound seniors throughout Union County, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a benefit performance of "In The Mood" at the Union County Arts Center on Oct. 19. "In The Mood" recreates the special feeling of the USO cantinas that were visited by thousands of people during World War II. The show features Bud Forest and his 17-piece String of Pearls orchestra, a Vocal Quartet and Swing Dancers. The World USO musical selected "In The Mood" as the official musical production commemorating the 50th Anniversary of World War II in April 1994. The Rahway Savings Institution, located on Irving Street in Rahway, is underwriting the entire cost of the show through a generous grant to Meals on Wheels, Inc. Thanks to the Rahway Savings Institution, all proceeds will directly benefit Meals on Wheels, Inc.

The Arts Center, also a non-profit organization, is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. "In The Mood" will be presented on Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$23, \$20 and \$18. Tickets

may be purchased by phone at (732) 699-8226, with a Visa or Mastercard or in person at the box office. The Arts Center is handicapped accessible and infrared listening devices are available to patrons upon request.

Parents group meets
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H.S. Football Tomorrow at 2:45 Rahway at Westfield

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Gerstner barreled his way into the end zone three times on runs of 53, 77 and 15 yards and was named the game's MVP. He also scored five touchdowns and ran for 177 yards in the win over Breary.

High School Football
"He's making the power plays inside and he's been getting some excellent blocks from Ryan Garner," head coach Bob Taylor said. "His speed Saturday really surprised me."

Johnson racked up a total of 442 yards on offense, including 357 on the ground. Garner also broke the century mark with 104 yards rushing on 12 carries. Quarterback Dennis Bowden ran the ball five times for 50 yards, 37 of which came on a touchdown run.

Taylor also credited offensive tackle Mike Fink, who made some bone-crushing blocks on the right side of the line, for his contributions to Johnson's huge day on the ground.

Another Crusader who has turned in some big performances early in the season is Brian Drake, who did not disappoint Saturday, racking up 18 tackles and recording two quarterback sacks. He also caught one ball for 16 yards.

"Brian is having a monster season so far," Taylor said. "He's just been unblockable."

Bowden's 37-yard scamper in the fourth quarter, which accounted for Johnson's fourth and final touchdown of the day, led the game for the Crusaders. Bowden was also proficient through the air, connecting on six of 10 passes for 53 yards.

Bowden connected with his favorite target, Nick Spagnuolo, four times for 67 yards, including a 27-yard completion on Johnson's first possession and a screen pass that Spagnuolo went 18 yards on during Johnson's next possession. The two also connected on a two-point conversion after Gerstner's third touch-

SPORTS



Eric Gerstner, left, and Dennis Bowden, right, combined to score all four of Johnson's touchdowns in Saturday's 29-9 thumping of North Plainfield. Gerstner scored Johnson's first three touchdowns on runs of 53, 77 and 15 yards and Bowden went into the end zone from 37 yards out in the fourth quarter in the victory.

INDIANS FOOTBALL

RAHWAY — The Indians, fresh from a 34-0 defeat at the hands of Kearny, will look to re-gain and return to the form that led them to opening game with Westfield on Oct. 11 at 2:45 p.m. on the road tomorrow.

"We're going to go back to the basics," head coach Mike Pinto said. "We're going to try and exploit their weaknesses and hopefully we'll play a better game."

Last season, Rahway downed Westfield 27-6 at home.

GAME TWO
Kearny 34, Rahway 0
FIRST DOWNS: Kearny 6, Rahway 7
RUSHES-YARDS: Kearny 17-243, Rahway 28-70
PASSES: Kearny 7-16-0, 7-21-88-1
PASSING YARDS: Kearny 73, Rahway 88
FUMBLES-LOST: Kearny 1-0, Rahway 1-0
PUNTS-AVG: Kearny 4-29, Rahway 7-37
PENALTIES: Kearny 9-60, Rahway 19-101

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Kearny (2-0) 14 7 6 7 34
Rahway (1-1) 0 0 0 0 0
Kearny — Cyrgalis 1 run, Cyrgalis kick (K 7-0) (First quarter: 14 plays, 90 yards)
Kearny — Cyrgalis 50 run, Cyrgalis kick (K 14-0) (First quarter: 3 plays, 56 yards)
Kearny — Martone 3 run, Cyrgalis kick (K 21-0) (Second quarter: 2 plays, 5 yards)
Kearny — Polychuk 70 run, kick failed (K 27-0) (Third quarter: 1 play, 70 yards)
Kearny — Martone 71 run, Cyrgalis kick (K 34-0) (Fourth quarter: 2 plays, 73 yards)

RUSHING: Kearny — Matt Martone 5-99, two touchdowns; Eddie Polychuk 5-75, one touchdown; Pat Cyrgalis 7-69, two touchdowns.
RECEIVING: Kearny — Eddie Polychuk 3-34; Norbert Rivera 1-30; Denis Gilmore 1-6; Pat Cyrgalis 2-3. Rahway — Jason Crutchfield 2-21; Ricky Mosley 1-2; Jason Goodpastor 1-4.

INTERCEPTIONS: Kearny — David Lopez 1. Rahway — None.
— ANDREW MCGANN

Johnson's off. line is very dominant

The Johnson Regional High School offensive line had an outstanding game in helping lift the Crusaders' football team past Breary 47-19 Sept. 27 in Keshewee.

The following is the conclusion of the report on the game that was mistakenly erased from last week's sports page.

Johnson's offensive line, consisting of No. 61 tackle Mike Fink (5-9, 250) and No. 64 guard Adam Zambuto (5-10, 205) on the left, with No. 66 Jonathan Wojcik (6-1, 170) at center next to No. 77 guard Nikos Nicholas (5-7, 210) and No. 76 tackle Jerry Derillo (6-4, 296) on the right, not only prevented quarterback Dennis Bowden (3-for-5 for 45 yards) from getting sacked, but continuously opened up huge holes for Eric Gerstner, Bowden, Ryan Garner and others to run through.

After losing a fumble early in the third quarter, Gerstner capped a seven-play, 29-yard drive with his fourth touchdown, a coming on a one-yard run, to give Johnson a 34-13 lead.

"Eric's a warrior and he wanted the ball," Johnson head coach Bob Taylor said.

As well as Gerstner ran and his teammates blocked for him on offense, senior linebacker Brian Drake was just as impressive on the defensive side of the ball.

The returning All-County standout posted a game-high 22 tackles, had two quarterback sacks among those and came up with a fumble recovery. Was he all over the field? Yes.

"What more could you say about a performance like that," Taylor said. "Last year things didn't go our way and the kids remembered that and really played well."

Johnson (3-0) has this weekend off
Johnson 13, Ridge 12
Johnson 47, Breary 19
Johnson 29, North Plainfield 9
Oct. 18 at Newark Central, 1:00
Oct. 25 Roselle, 1:00
Nov. 1 New Providence, 2:00
Nov. 15 at Hillsdale, 1:00
Nov. 27 Nov. Livingston, 10:30
Record: 3-0
Home: 1-0
Away: 2-0
Points scored: 89
Points allowed: 40
Shutouts: 0

William J. Maguire

William J. Maguire, 81, of Clark, former mayor of Clark and longtime public servant, died Oct. 2 in Russell's Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Mr. Maguire resided in Clark for 48 years. He championed local government and community affairs during his long public career. Mr. Maguire was a mayor of Clark for eight years, and he served as a Union County freeholder and then state assemblyman. He served both in elected offices and as a volunteer. Mr. Maguire was a Republican and mayor of Clark from 1960 to 1968, at which time he worked to update the police department, establishing an examination-based civil service system. He served as a Union County freeholder from 1970 to 1976 and a state assemblyman for three terms until 1982.

Mr. Maguire served as coach in

Little League and became president of the Clark Little League.

He organized the "Scared Straight" program at then-Rahway State Prison, on East Jersey State Prison, in Avenel. Mr. Maguire was a member of the "Scared Straight" program at then-Rahway State Prison, on East Jersey State Prison, in Avenel. Mr. Maguire was a member of the "Scared Straight" program at then-Rahway State Prison, on East Jersey State Prison, in Avenel.

Surviving are his wife, Doris; a son, Richard; three daughters, Patricia, Ryndrom, Susan Kolman and Jean Tomasovic; two sisters, Eleanor Lang

and Mary O'Meara; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Teresa M. Kruger
Teresa M. Kruger, 69, a lifelong resident of Rahway, died Sept. 30 in the Genesis Elder Care Center, Westfield.

Miss Kruger was an executive secretary for many years with Public Service Electric and Gas Co., Newark, before retiring. She was a member of the Young at Heart Club at St. Mary's Church, Rahway, treasurer of the Public Service Electric and Gas Retirees Employees Club and past secretary of the American Association of Retired Persons in Rahway.

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and Mary O'Meara; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Robert Middleton
Robert Middleton, 74, a lifelong resident of Rahway, died Sept. 28 in the Genesis Elder Care Center, Westfield.

Mr. Middleton was employed in the maintenance department of Regent Corp., Rahway, for 10 years and retired in 1975. Surviving are two sons, Robert K. and Craig B., and a daughter, Loraine.

David A. Swerdlow

David A. Swerdlow, 40, of Clark, died Oct. 2 in John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Newark, Mr. Swerdlow moved to Clark several years ago. He was a salesman with C.I. Inc. of Clark for several years.

Surviving are his wife, Karen; two sons, David and Michael; his parents, Sylvia and Bernard Swerdlow, of a brother, Michael.

Helen A. Merry
Helen A. Merry, 96, of Rahway, died Oct. 6 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Merry lived

in Rahway since 1963. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society of St. Mary's Church, Rahway, and the Rahway Hospital Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Keefe; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Obituary policy
Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This service cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 686-7700.

LET THE BIBLE SPEAK
1 Pet. 4:11

SIN: Our National Disgrace
History confirms the principle that NOT Military, Political, Intellectual, or Material Strength of a nation is a true greatness, nor do they determine the future! A nation may possess all these things, and failed to be great. True greatness is found in the Righteousness of its people. As reflected in personal integrity, in their institutions, and in their laws.

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DEATH NOTICES

STRUCK — Jerome H. of Stock, formerly of Clark, died Oct. 7 at the Rahway Hospital, Rahway. He was 81 years old. He was a member of the Rahway Hospital Auxiliary.

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CLARK, Rahway and Colonia Roads, Rahway, N.J. 07065. Pastor: Rev. Dennis R. McKinnon. Pastor: Rev. Dennis R. McKinnon. Pastor: Rev. Dennis R. McKinnon.

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St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 211 West Grand Ave., Rahway. 382-8844. Rev. Fr. Charles A. Lohman, Pastor. Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. Prayer Service with singing for the sick of mind, body and soul, First Thursday of each month. All are welcome.

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Dolphins dispose of Mountainside in season-opener

The following are Clark Soccer Club results of games played last week.

INTER-COUNTY
Clark Dolphins 7, Mountainside 1. The Clark Dolphins opened the season on a winning note with a routing 7-1 victory over Mountainside. Kelly Reynolds opened up the scoring on a penalty kick. Jess Maloney, Phil Schissler and Steve Sours also contributed to the Blue Jays victory with great goals.

DIVISION 2
Jesse Plumling 2, Rita's Italian Ice 0: Heather Long opened up the scoring with a lightning bolt disjuncted at a soccer ball that made its way to the back of the net. Michael Brutole added the second goal of the game on a penalty kick. Ryan Weiss and Blake Devita set up the first line of a solid defense at midfield for Jesse Plumling.

Clark Soccer
ing. Thomas Savarese, Melissa Christy Ferraro and Nicole Georgio were outstanding in moving the ball down the field and just missed connecting on several goals. Robert Seng and Karen Koch were both formidable fullbacks, turning away many offensive threats.

Sean Genold played a phenomenal first half in goal and then added solid offensive punch on the field in the second half.

Merchandise: Venice 1, Vaccaro's Bakery 1: Shane Bodine, with offensive support from Tommy Campbell, Matthew King, Stephen Mirando, Elin Buttery, Jessica Weidrick, stopped several offensive drives at midfield in the second half after allowing one lone score as the goalie.

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Mystery foam seeps out manholes lids

Railway

The foam that some people may have seen seeping out of manhole covers in the Railway River Park last week is not hazardous, according to the Railway Fire Department.

According to Battalion Chief Irwin Hummel, the substance was seen foaming up through manhole covers in at least three locations in the park on Sept. 29.

Firefighters and the Union County Bureau of Environmental Affairs responded to the park at about 10:10 a.m. that day. The substance was determined not to be hazardous by bureau workers, said Hummel. The substance was apparently caused by a shampoo-like substance from Cosmic Inc. in Clark, said Hummel. It was either dumped into the sewers deliberately or accidentally. The river flows through both Clark and Railway, when it got to the park, which is on the banks of the river, the substance started foaming.

No one is quite sure how this one happened.

Firefighters responded to a fire call at a business on St. Georges Avenue and Murray Street at 7:13 p.m. on Sept. 30. When they got there, they extinguished a smoldering fire in the building's wall. The fire was only smoldering, said Hummel. It took firefighters more time to open up the wall than it took for them to take out the smoldering embers and extinguish them.

But what is uncertain is how it started.

The business' owner said that he had seen smoke coming from the bottom of the wall earlier in the day. He used water and a fire extinguisher on it at that time and thought that he had extinguished it. According to the owner, it was windy that day and a lit cigarette may have blown into his business. This is only speculation.

A business on St. Georges and Iman Avenues found out the hard way too that a cigarette can get away from you.

According to Hummel, the business' sign caught fire at about 8:15

Victim loses law enforcement shield

Railway

On Sept. 11, Bell Municipal reported the theft of a white 1991 Mazda RX7 convertible taken from the front, grass area of the car lot adjacent to the Route 1 carline. Broken glass was observed on the ground. The car was last seen on Sept. 9 and was discovered missing on Sept. 10. The vehicle has no plates and has a black convertible top.

On Sept. 11, a resident of Linden Avenue reported the theft of a 1998 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The cycle is black and has a new engine. It was last seen on Sept. 10 on the evening hours. The cycle model is a Pan Head and was taken from a shelter in the rear yard. It is valued at \$15,000.

On Sept. 12, a caller stated that he went into G&B convenience store to get coffee. Someone entered his van and stole a milk crate full of tools and a Milwaukee saw. The items stolen were a Milwaukee saw, a Milwaukee drill, a staple gun, a jigsaw and a sawall. The approximate value of the stolen tools is \$1,000.

On Sept. 13, a Princeton Avenue resident reported a theft from their motor vehicle. The items stolen were a Milwaukee saw, a Milwaukee drill, a staple gun, a jigsaw and a sawall. The approximate value of the stolen tools is \$1,000.

On Sept. 17, between midnight and 6 a.m., a vehicle was stolen while parked on Montgomery Street. The vehicle is a red and white 1987 Hyundai. There are no suspects at this time.

On Sept. 18, an electronic board was taken out of a pay phone located on St. Georges Avenue. A key may have been used. There are no suspects at this time.

On Sept. 19, there was a report of a theft of liquor at 947 Route 1. Theft is estimated at \$170.97 worth of liquor.

On Sept. 22, a Lawrence Street resident reported her daughter's bike stolen from in front of her house. She stated that the bicycle is a girl's 21-speed midnight blue Harley Mountain Bike, with Huffy written in white along the frame. The value of the bike is \$150.

On Sept. 24, a victim stated that while at 870 St. Georges Ave., someone entered his 1993 Jeep Cherokee and took his gold and blue law enforcement shield which was placed on his front driver's side windshield inside of the vehicle. He stated that he did leave the driver's side window open, but that he was only in the business for about 10 minutes. There are no suspects at this time.

On Sept. 22 at 9:30 p.m., police investigated a report of bad checks passed at a Westfield Avenue business.

On Sept. 23 at 10:24 a.m., a motor vehicle was stolen from a School Street residence. Police are investigating.

On Sept. 24 at 7:57 p.m., police responded to the scene of a motor vehicle accident at Broadway and Nassau Street.

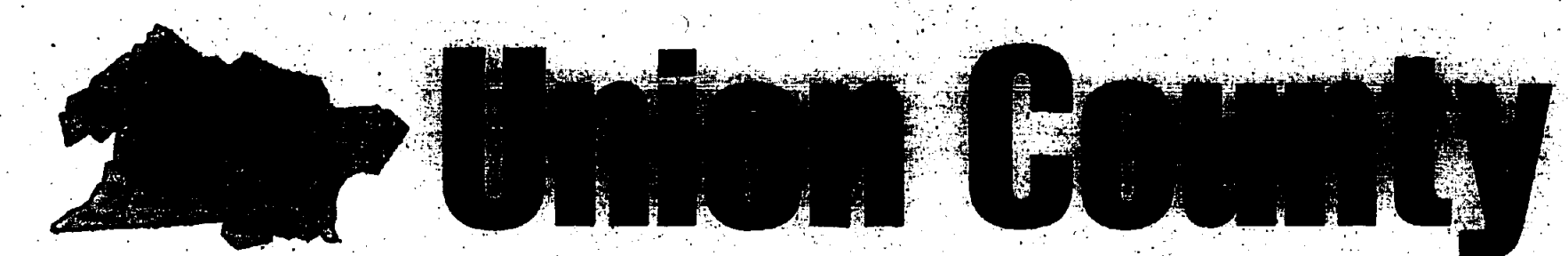
On Sept. 24 at 9:35 a.m., police took a report of a verbal dispute between a customer and the owner of a Central Avenue business.

On Sept. 24 at 12:35 p.m., police investigated the theft of a pocketbook from a Central Avenue business.

On Sept. 24 at 5:47 p.m., police responded to a report of a stolen car. A 1994 Ford Taurus was reported to be a stolen vehicle at a New York Avenue residence.

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Campaign writing class 101

If you or someone you love is a candidate for principal, Union County or state office this year, take note. I have some helpful hints regarding publication of candidates' essays this election season.

As the candidates probably know, this newspaper devotes its Community Forum Page to, what we call, Candidates' Corner essays in each edition preceding our last election before Election Day. This year, that will be Oct. 23.

The deadline for submitting the essays is Monday. We have communicated this fact to the municipal candidates in the nine Union County towns holding elections this year reported on by our newspapers, and look forward to receiving their essays. In addition, we've published our election guidelines on Page 5 of this issue, for everyone to see.

Attention, candidates: The Monday deadline is firm. If you miss it, your essay will not be published and you will have deprived the voters of a source of your ideas, insights, and overall brilliance.

After 142 years, Kean becomes university

By Macky Vitale Staff Writer

When traveling through the towns of Union, Hillsdale and Elizabeth, one can't miss banners congratulating Kean College for achieving university status.

Since the institution opened its doors in 1855, it has gone through a series of name changes, beginning as Newark Normal School and then Newark State College. In 1973 the name was changed to Kean College.

Two weeks ago, the name change brought with it a little prestige when the state Commission on Higher Education voted to designate it a university.

Large bronze letters were unveiled at the front of Townsend Hall, which marks a unique chapter in our rich history.

President Ronald L. Applebaum said at a ceremony Sept. 26.

"We are celebrating the combined efforts of the entire Kean community as we move closer to fulfilling our mission as New Jersey's comprehensive, interactive, teaching university," he said.

The atmosphere was cheery throughout the afternoon ceremony, which included a jazz band, a Texas-style barbecue, and fireworks. "We are hoping to continue the excitement throughout the academic year, culminating into a formal gala scheduled for April," Applebaum said.

He, with other school officials and faculty, convened earlier that day for a meeting with the commission to witness a vote on Kean's new status.

The commission is comprised of individuals appointed by the governor, in accordance with state statute. Some of its members are former teachers and a few are students. Applebaum said, "It is like all the hands of trustees representing major public and private sectors, colleges and universities."

The commission is chaired by Al Cade, a retired general. The members examine the quality of the institution's program, including personnel, student graduation rates and retention.

Adequate financial resources and distribution of those resources.

"This will change the perception of a school because it recognizes the legitimacy and quality level being offered to students across a certain array of programs and a recognition of quality of faculty and students," he said.

Whether this change in status will result in more funding for the school, however, remains to be seen. "There are no guarantees," Applebaum said. "You just hope foundations and corporations will commit to support your proposal."

And hope with the attainment of university status, students will look more seriously at enrolling," he continued. "We each have a mission and hope students see us as providing the vehicle to achieve their goals."

Kean University occupies 150 acres in Union and Hillsdale Townships, and serves 12,000 full- and part-time undergraduates and graduate students, offering 40 majors within its four schools.

Concerned Citizens questions terms of proposed UCUA lease

By Sean Daily Staff Writer

A proposed lease agreement between the UCUA and Ogden Martin has been criticized by a local environmental group.

Bob Carson of Railway, a member of the Union County Citizens' Association, said the proposed 25-year lease, which would reduce the per-ton garbage disposal fee at the UCUA incinerator, making it able to repay \$203 million in bonded debt.

"To top it all off, we feel that the citizens of Union County are being taken for a ride again, and this whole lease agreement amounts to a subsidy for a corporation," he said.

One of his concerns included a "put or pay" agreement in the lease that would require Union County to send 275,000 tons of garbage a year to the incinerator, and that payment would have to be rendered if that tonnage were not shipped.

Carson doubted that Union County would be able to sustain a garbage rate of 275,000 tons a year into the incinerator. He said that the incinerator was built to handle 1,440 tons a day to 1,540 tons a day. This would mean a total capacity of 562,100 tons over a 365-day year.

"This means that the incinerator can be in almost 300,000 tons of garbage a year from outside of the county or even outside of the state."

Carson alleged the tipping fees for this out-of-county trash would be unregulated, meaning that they could be higher or lower than the tipping fees paid by Union County residents. Union County, he said, "could wind up subsidizing the disposal of garbage from New York City."

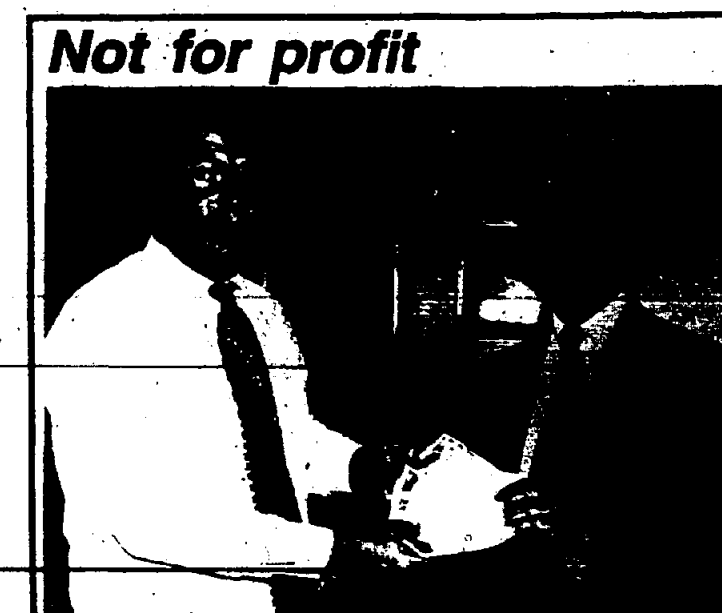
But UCUA Commissioner Bill Rocco said the incinerator can only accept Type 10 solid waste — municipal garbage — and that this will not change if the lease is approved.

Type 10 waste does not include toxic or hazardous waste, he said, adding that the incinerator is not approved to burn this type of waste.

This also does not include untreated medical waste, he said.

One result of the lease, Ogden Martin said, could be cheaper garbage disposal rates. He said that there was a waste disposal facility in Ohio that could dispose of Union County's trash for \$10. Transportation fees could be kept down to \$10 by transporting the trash by rail, resulting in a total per ton cost of \$20.

According to Rocco, there is no waste disposal facility with a tipping fee of less than \$37 per ton. Transportation costs would bring the total cost up to \$50.



County Prosecutor Thomas Mennan accepts government checks totaling more than \$20,000 from Supervising Special Agent William Carmichael of the U.S. Customs-New Jersey Financial Crimes Task Force. The money was seized by county and federal law enforcement officers from drug dealers in the metropolitan area before it could be sent to Colombia as profit.

UCUA may lose \$15M in Bergen's business

Ruling voids contract, says BCUA

Staff Writer

The Union County Utilities Authority may lose more than its monopoly over trash disposal; it also may lose more than \$15 million in annual revenue.

The Bergen County Utilities Authority and its garbage trucks to the UCUA after the U.S. Supreme Court makes its ruling on New Jersey's waste flow laws.

This ruling is an appeal on a Third Circuit Court ruling in Atlantic County that the BCUA's monopoly over trash disposal is unconstitutional. The Third Circuit Court ruling strikes down the agreement between the two utilities, which was not put to competitive bid.

"We feel the BCUA-UCUA contract was the very kind of contract the appeals court had in mind when it ruled that certain solid waste contracts shall be abrogated," said Scott Spravore, a partner in the firm Sijel Van Dam and Spravore that represents the BCUA.

Whether this will affect the UCUA's \$283 million in bond payments was unclear as press time, as the UCUA negotiates a \$175 million, 25-year lease of the incinerator to Ogden Martin.

"With the lease agreement, we will only be responsible for our bond payments," said UCUA Commissioner Bill Rocco.

The UCUA is ready to fight the BCUA in court over this agreement.

"The legal opinion is they can't," said UCUA general counsel John Coley. "If they do, FBI take them to court."

According to Coley, the BCUA has a "put or pay" agreement with the UCUA — that is, the BCUA will pay for the disposal of 192,000 tons of trash, whether it sends it or not.

But Spravore replied, "As we read the Third Circuit decision, it abrogates the entire contract. The UCUA cannot pick and choose components of that contract."

Oldham said that the BCUA will stop sending trash to the UCUA the day after the U.S. Supreme Court makes its ruling. The Supreme Court reconvened Monday.

This trash will be handled for the short term by Chambers Waste Systems of New Jersey, which transports the garbage to the UCUA and disposes of the rest in landfills. After this, it will be put to competitive bid.

Oldham said it's because the municipalities are sending trash to other waste disposal facilities, which he added, is illegal.

But he said the BCUA was breaking its contract, not to cut costs, but because the Third Circuit Court abrogated the contract.

The BCUA has \$119 million in bonded debt, but Oldham said this was to be paid by Bergen County taxpayers.

NEWS CLIPS

Flu immunizations

In anticipation of the 1997-98 flu season, Multi-Care Health Center is offering the community an opportunity to receive flu immunizations beginning this month. Immunization will be available at the Multi-Care Health Center facility, located at 100 Commerce Place in Clark.

Hours for immunizations will be between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with evening hours offered from 4 to 8 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Nov. 19, Dec. 9, Dec. 16.

The cost of the flu immunization will be \$10 per injection. Multi-Care will bill Medicare for Medicare-eligible patients.

Multi-Care Health Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, is the largest and most established urgent care center in Union County serving the health care needs of both the public and industry since 1982. Open 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year, patients may be seen without an appointment for sudden illness or injury. The Multi-Care facility includes a complete x-ray suite, laboratory, EKG, pulmonary function testing and physical therapy.

Diabetes lecture

Diabetes is a complicated disease that affects 13 million Americans. Proper education is required to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle while coping with diabetes. Railway Hospital's Diabetes Lecture Series is designed to help diabetics and their families better manage this perplexing disease.

The six-session series is being offered on Tuesdays, Oct. 14 through Nov. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Railway Hospital's Education Center. The series will be conducted by a team of certified diabetes educators composed of physicians, nurses, a dietitian and a pharmacist, focusing on the three keys to diabetes management: nutrition, exercise and medication.

Pre-registration for the series is required and enrollment is limited to allow for personal attention and interaction. The fee is \$50 and includes bringing a support person. For further information or to register, call (732) 499-6056.

Recycling program

The City of Railway Department of Public Works/Office of Recycling is proud to announce the initiation of a pilot program for demanufacturing of electronic products such as computers, printers, televisions, VCRs, cameras, telephones, telecommunications equipment, microwave ovens, fax and copy machines, home audio and stereo equipment.

The City of Railway Department of Public Works/Office of Recycling will be implementing a first-of-its-kind program in the US for the curbside collection of this materials. Residents will be notified to schedule an appointment for collection and the materials will be delivered directly to the facility.

The purpose of this program is to remove potentially hazardous components from the municipal waste stream and reuse, as well as recycle component parts.

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Freeholder says county will seek state money for lakes restoration

Freeholder Dan Sullivan

Freeholder Dan Sullivan says the county will seek state money for lake restoration projects in the county, according to Freeholder Dan Sullivan.

New Jersey has allocated \$5 million for funding under the Dredging and Bond Act of 1996. "The potential for Union County to seek funding for dredging sediments out of our lakes as part of the restoration is especially attractive," he said.

A Department of Environmental Protection funding plan would favor public facilities in a larger county, such as Union, he also said, adding "it is clear that restoration of certain parts where sediments build is important. The improvement of the recreational aspects of the lakes is an ideal way to enhance property values."

Such state funding, he said, would be available for the two upcoming fiscal years, and that "it appears to be on a fast track."

"The remarkable transformation from dredge sediments to a recreation fill and capping has worked successfully in terms of the ocean dredge projects," he added, saying the use of sediment from the dredged lakes can become fill for brownfields revitalization.

"We have the opportunity for a virtual win-win situation in Union County," he also said.

Among the sites identified for possible lake restoration work are upper and lower Echo Lakes in Mountainside; Nomahegan Lake in Cranford; and Wanaquo Park in Elizabeth; Railway River Park in Rahway and Meisel Pond in Springfield.



Freeholder Dan Sullivan takes a look at Nomahegan Lake in Cranford, one of the sites in the county that he said is in need of dredging. The county will seek state money for lake restoration, which would include dredging. He said the use of sediment from lakes can become fill for brownfields revitalization.

COUNTY NEWS

Access award given

Former Union County Manager Ann Baran will be given the Public Leadership Award by Community Access Unlimited during the agency's 17th annual dinner dance, Wednesday at L'Affaire Restaurant, Montclair.

Baran, who became director of operations for the Gateway Institute at Kean College, after leaving the county manager's office earlier this year, will be cited for her "consistent dedication to the cause of people with disabilities" according to Sidney Blanchard, executive director of Community Access Unlimited.

William Waldman, commissioner of the state Department of Human Services, will present the awards to the honorees.

Literacy days

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding Literacy Days in many of the local libraries.

This is to introduce how Literacy Volunteers can help adults learn to read or speak English. Prospective tutors and students are invited to attend on Oct. 18 at the Linden Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and at

the Union Library on Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anyone who would like to be assessed as a student should call the LVA-UC office at (908) 925-7755 to set up an appointment.

Recycling day contest

In the tradition of Earth Day, the Union County Utilities Authority will join in America Recycles Day, a national environmental partnership effort to increase consumer purchases of recycled products.

Recognizing past recycling efforts of educators and students, the authority is sponsoring a recycling contest for first through third-grade students, he said. "The theme of the contest is, 'Keep Recycling Working: Buy Recycled.'"

Students are asked to make a holiday ornament or display from recycled materials. Judging will be based on the most creative entry. The contest will end Nov. 3. The authority has planned a fun-filled day for Nov. 15 at the Trillium Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Tin Can Toss, the "UCUA" mascot will award prizes of U.S. Savings Bonds to the winners.

Sign an America Recycles Day Pledge Card to buy recycled products and you are eligible to win an American Green Dream House, the national prize. The house will be built with recycled-content products and energy efficient products. Sponsors will provide materials, money for land and the in-kind donations.

Taste of the Towns

Union County's finest chefs will offer samples of their specialties during the fifth annual Taste of the Towns benefit sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elizabeth and the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

Taste of the Towns will be held Oct. 20, 5 to 9 p.m. at the Pantagis Renaissance Restaurant in Scotch Plains, and will benefit charities and scholarship programs in the Elizabeth area.

Many of the area's finest restaurants, bakeries and beverage merchants will participate. Among those represented will be Allied Beverage Group, Inc., Union, Bella Palermo Pastry Shop, Elizabeth; Civile Ristorante Italiano, Kenilworth; DiCosmo's Restaurant & Italian Deli, Linden; House of Steagmans, Clark; Hunt Club Grill, Summit; LaSalle, Roselle; Madrid Restaurant, Elizabeth; Manolo's Restaurant, Elizabeth; Micheli-

Pavilion, Linden; Outback Steakhouse, Springfield; Panko Bakery, Roselle; Raggio's, Mountainside; Scotch Plains; and Vanda Chocolatier, Elizabeth.

Tickets are priced at \$35 for the first ticket, then \$30 for additional tickets from the same buyer. Checks may be made payable and returned to: Rotary Club of Elizabeth, P.O. Box 971, Elizabeth, NJ 07201-0971.

For additional information call (908) 355-9622. Tickets may also be purchased at the YMCA, 135 Madison Ave., Elizabeth, weekdays.

Deserted village tour

Did you know that Union County's largest park, the Watchung Reservation, is home to a village that dates to the pre-Civil War era?

The area encompassing the Deserted Village of Felville was first settled in the early 1700s, built into a thriving mill town in 1845, and converted into a summer resort in the late 1800s.

During October, there will be two opportunities to tour the Deserted Village with Dan Bernier, chief of the Bureau of Park Operations, who is coordinating the county's program to restore the village's 10 buildings and 130 acres.

On Oct. 26, at 2 p.m., the county will present a tour of the village as part of Trillium Nature and Science Center's regular Sunday Family Program schedule. On Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m., a candlelight tour will be held for a Halloween atmosphere with the history lesson.

Pre-registration is required for the candlelight tour only. There is a \$2 per adult program fee for either program; children are admitted free, but must be over the age of six to participate. Both programs will be held rain or shine. Meet at the top of Cataract Hollow Road, off Glenside Avenue.

For the candlelight tour, bring a flashlight. For either tour, be sure to wear shoes suitable for walking on dirt paths. For information, or to register, call (908) 789-3670.

Skating rink opens

Warinanco Ice Skating Center is open for the 1997-98 season.

Stating sessions will be: Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon p.m., and 12:30-2:30 p.m. for hockey; Thursdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, 3:30-5:30 p.m., 6-8 p.m., and 8:30-10:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1-3 p.m.,

8:30-10:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 3 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m., and 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Admission to the general sessions is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children age 17 and under, and \$4.25 for senior citizens age 62 and over with proper identification.

Discount cards for county residents who plan to skate on a regular basis are on sale. Semi-private and private lessons are available, as are hockey clinics for beginners. Skate rentals, a pro shop and a refreshment stand are other features of the center.

The Warinanco Ice Skating Center is located off Thompson Avenue in Warinanco Park, Roselle. Park entrances are located on St. Georges Avenue, Thompson Avenue and Third Avenue. For information, call (908) 296-7850 for a recorded message.

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Don't deprive yourself of 'Lost in Yonkers'

If you visit Cranford Dramatic Club through Oct. 18, you'll find yourself "Lost in Yonkers," CDC's outstanding season opener.

The company did more than justice to Neil Simon's hilarious and touching tale of a family drawn together by the search for understanding.

Eddie must ask his strict German mother to care for his two sons after the death of his wife. Add his lovable but dimwitted and his good-for-nothing-but-trouble gangster brother to the household equation, and you'll find lots of fodder for therapy sessions in the boys' adult years.

This cast will tie up your heartstrings in the first few moments of the play, and keep them tight throughout the entire play. Teddy Alvaro as Jay and Jonathan Schwartz as Arty are both fine actors, with talent belying their youth. Alvaro's Jay fairly represents the angst of an eldest son, assuming the role of his absent father while experiencing sporadic bursts of adolescence. Schwartz' Arty is Jay's foil, as mature as he needs to be and as cute as the audience wants him to be.

Janice Lynn is absolutely precious as Bella, playing the character straight from the Mercedes Ruehl film interpretation, but with amazing depth. Lynn's Bella enjoys the fun things in life — like ice cream sundae and movies — even more than her nephews. Her joy is so contagious her frequent lapses in memory are easily forgiven, even by an audience that has to remind themselves that this is an actor playing a role.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Mayor proclaims arts center a benefit to the community

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Summit Mayor D. Long issued a special proclamation to New Jersey Center for Visual Arts on Oct. 2 in honor of National Arts and Humanities Month. The proclamation lauded the center's continuing efforts to promote visual art not only in Summit, but to a regional arts community.

Before presenting the proclamation to NJCVA Executive Director Joan Duffey Good, Mayor Long spoke to the crowd about the importance of promoting the arts. He described the facility as "magnificent," saying that the proclamation would help to send a message about what NJCVA does for the community, so that facility will not be taken for granted.

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and also at the next taping of his live television show on TV36.

Good stated that she was very happy to accept the proclamation on behalf of the arts center, leading the efforts of the volunteers who originally began the center, and who continue to help the center to grow.

"It takes an awful lot of people to make this arts center work," said Good.

According to Good, NJCVA influence reaches 200 communities in over 13 counties. The center sponsors over 4000 activities per year, and teaches approximately 1300 students a week.

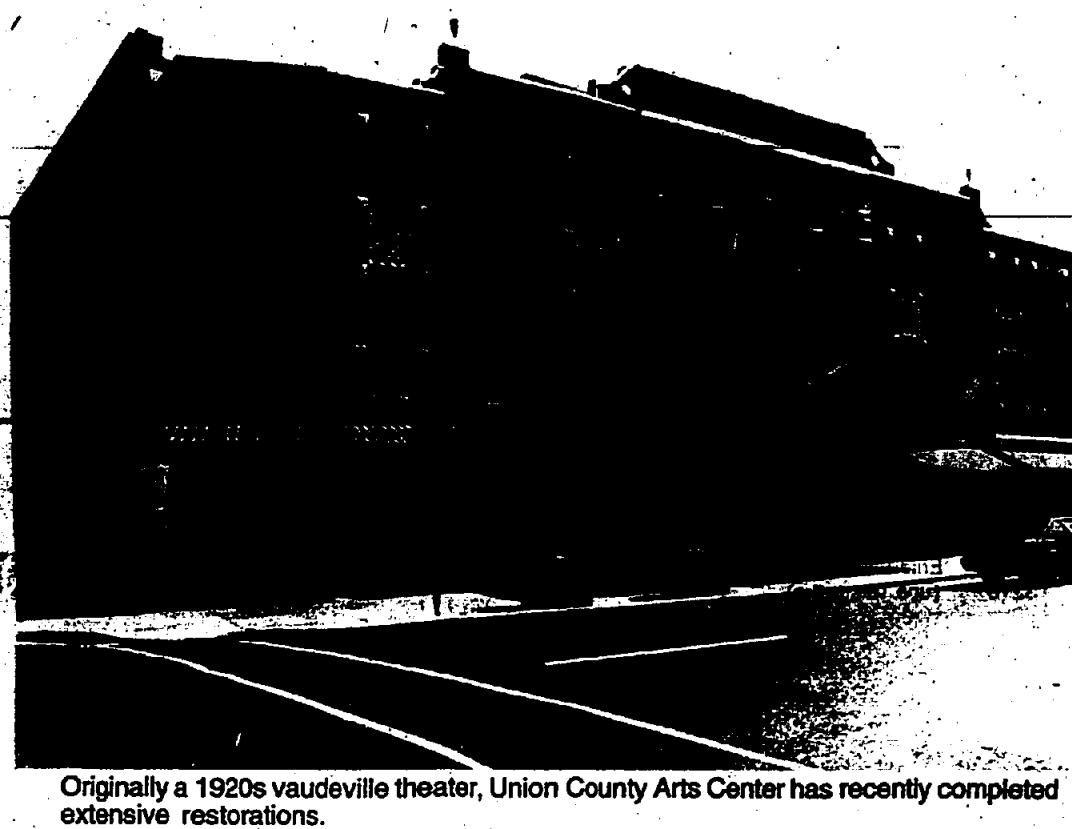
NJCVA was founded in 1993 as the Summit Art Association. It is continuing its mission to promote contemporary art with three concurrent shows: "Gardeners: An Installation by Cindy Towner," an environmentally conscious exhibit created entirely from recycled materials, in the Fred L. Palmer Gallery through Nov. 2; "Wood Engravings and Bronze Sculptures by Michelle Post" in the Members' Gallery through Oct. 17; and "Photographic Works by Owen Luck" in the Members' Gallery through Nov. 18. NJCVA also hosts an outdoor gallery, where "Peter Reginato Sculptures in the Outdoor Art Park" runs through Nov. 30.

Among the activities and events sponsored by NJCVA are Just About Art, informal discussions with NJCVA artists held on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Palmer Gallery; monthly New York City bus trips to the Metropolitan Museum of Art; classes and workshops for adults, teens and children; and an Artists With Disabilities Program. The arts center sponsors special events such as an International Juried Show, Images Gala, April; Art in Summit, May; Annual Members Show, mid-summer, and Collector's Choice, fall. On Nov. 8 at 3 p.m., NJCVA will hold a Silent Auction featuring a Magnum Beach Show. The arts center is featured in an exhibition display case in Newark Airport's Terminal B.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 10 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Free guided tours are available. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.



Summit Mayor Walter D. Long presents an arts proclamation to New Jersey Center for Visual Arts Executive Director Joan Duffey Good.



Originally a 1920s vaudeville theater, Union County Arts Center has recently completed extensive restorations.

Rahway announces creation of arts district

By Tootsian Antonielli
Staff Writer

Rahway's downtown business district will soon become the artistic hub of Union County as a number of renovations are made to the area, creating an entire art district.

During the official opening of the Union County Arts Center on Oct. 4, Mayor James Kennedy announced that in keeping with the city's Master Plan, an arts district will be created in the downtown area. The district will begin with the Arts Center on Irving Street, and will extend approximately one block north to include a number

of buildings in the area.

Kennedy explained that the first renovation that will take place will include a building across the street from the theater. The structure, which was recently damaged by a fire, will serve several purposes. The first floor will be developed as an Arts Cafe. The second floor will be used for a dance studio, and the third floor will house an office that will be managed by the newly formed Arts Guild. In addition, the mayor said that the structure will be considered a "civic building" to the arts center, and will be developed with a facade similar to the

theater. This, the mayor said, will be one of the first buildings to be developed.

The district will also include the Claude Reade Center, which is located down the street from the Arts Center. Kennedy explained that the Center will have space that can be leased out by artists. The front area will be used as a gallery, and the rear will be used as workspace for various artists. The mayor said that the building is already adorned with approximately \$100,000 worth of stained glass that dates back to the 1800s. (See Rahway, Page B4)

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The appeal of Sherlock Holmes is no mystery to reading buffs

"You can't make the impossible probable, must be the truth." These are the immortal words of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Did you know "The Complete Sherlock Holmes" has sold more copies than any other book, second only to the Bible?

Did you ever notice when reading a Sherlock Holmes mystery, the reality of Holmes almost jumps off the page at you? When we watch a detective show on television today, they are always portrayed as over-sized, gun-happy hotshots. When you read or see a Holmes mystery, he solves crimes with wit, confidence and genius. You know his methods. He is a man who is an expert in human nature, the consummate observer. Holmes is always on the ball; there are still Scotland Yard detectives, today, who study his cases to assist in solving crimes. No other fictional detective can make this claim.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has characterized Holmes as a man who wasn't very complimentary of women, yet I still believe his heart went out to Irene Adler, the woman in "A Scandal in Bohemia." He actually said to Watson, "She has a face a woman would die for." That statement may be out of character but it's certainly complimentary, at least of one woman. Like an old-fashioned mystery, one that evokes the mist crawling across the moors, or a hair-raising howl in the distance, as in "The

'Shaking' Things Up

By Leslie Micono

Hound of the Baskervilles." Or just the clip-clopping of a horse's hooves pulling a brougham down a cobblestone street on a foggy London night. Dr. Elliot Engel of North Carolina State University says, "We like to read and watch Sherlock Holmes because it's always 1895." One reason Holmes is immortal is because he never existed — or did he?

Leslie Micono is a resident of South Plains. She is the founder of Great Expectations of Literature, a reading group for people who share a love for classical literature, from Shakespeare on.

Rahway resident wins art award

Donna DiCristofalo of Rahway has been awarded the First Prize for her mixed media artwork, "The Sunflower," which was displayed this year at the Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit, the world's largest outdoor art show. Formal presentation was made at an awards ceremony dated recently at the Salina Gund Club on Fifth Avenue.

Rahway Arts Guild announced at gala

(Continued from Page 83) Kennedy said that the development of the district will begin soon, possibly within the next few months, and will continue until all of the renovations have been made. "We are committing ourselves to this project, and we will see this through one way or another," said Kennedy, who also noted that the Arts District will serve as a means in which to bring people into the city's downtown area.

In addition to the development of the Arts District, an Arts Guild has recently been formed. The non-profit organization is made up of five individuals including Joseph Mancuso, the director of the theater. The independent guild will have the ability to operate some of the facilities. Kennedy added that the group also has a number of programs and ideas that will serve to further expand and improve the development of the Arts District.

The opening remarks were followed by a concert, "Piano, Four Hands" which was an American Premier of Russian pianist Olga Gurevich and Alexander Rostovtsev, who played together to create several individual pieces of music. Many of the selections, arranged by the couple featured interpretations of popular songs by Gershwin.

Division receives new designation

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts recently awarded the designation of Major Service Organization to the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Department of Economic Development.

Recognition as a Major Service Organization singles out the Division as "one of the anchor institutions that contribute vitally to the quality of life in New Jersey," according to Barbara Russo, executive director of the State Council on the Arts. Russo complimented the agency's "Solid history of artistic excellence, substantial programming and broad public service."

Under the Cultural Diversity Initiative, a \$13,000 grant will provide technical assistance to emerging arts organization serving predominantly African-American and Latino residents.

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DINING REVIEW

October 9, 1997

1200 NORTH
An elegant dining experience to soothe the tired commuter

By Sandra Cegua
Staff Writer

Having dinner at the 1200 North restaurant and lounge is a treat after a hard day's work at the office. The restaurant is located across from the North Elizabeth Train station on North Avenue.

Sitting across from my guest and I were a group of people who regularly take the train to work. According to Banquet Manager Liz Affiliato, the group had wanted to have dinner at the restaurant because they had watched as the renovations were taken place during the past year. The restaurant has been in business for three months.

The menu featured several selections of pasta, seafood, veal, poultry and chicken. My guest and I ordered an appetizer called Hot Antipasto of the House which is a dish with roletini, shrimp, scallops, mussels, calamari, hot roasted pepper, and mushrooms topped with marinara sauce. What a delicious combination! The sauce was fresh and sweet. Our forks were constantly making contact as we tried to fit

many shrimp, mussel and calamari into the marinara sauce. The Hot Antipasto is one of the restaurant's many specialty dishes.

My guest had the Paella Marinera which has shrimp, scallops, lobster, clams and mussels over saffron rice. This large seafood combination costs \$15.95, but it's well worth the price. This dish was enough for two people. He became so full that I helped him finish the plate.

I had the Norwegian Salmon Filet with roasted potatoes and vegetables. This dish is perfect for those people who are conscious of what they eat. Soup and salad are included with every dinner.

Dessert was the best part. The staff brings a plate of the desserts to the table. You can look at the tempting sweets and envision the taste. My guest and I were going to forego dessert until the waiter brought the plate.

There was no escape so we ordered tiramisu and carrot cake. Tiramisu is an Italian desert with a combination of ladyfingers, coffee, a espresso and cream. Coffee drinkers will love this desert!

Owner Gus Mikros and his four brothers envisioned a restaurant which was both quiet and family-oriented. The restaurant also features two banquet rooms for business and social gatherings.

This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area.

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Paper Mill actor goes for a fun ride on 'Big River'

By Ben Smith

Perhaps the reason that Lawrence Clayton of Orange has "great fun playing the role of Jim" in the Paper Mill Playhouse production of "Big River," Mark Twain's story of Huckleberry Finn, "is because he adapted it to his personality. Both his performance and his voice are excellent."

"It's just kind of fun bringing it all together," he said, during a recent visit to the Millburn theater. Clayton, who has resided in the "Orange and East Orange area for the past 12 years, spent his formative years in North Carolina, "with a huge loving family."

"The handsome, soft-spoken actor admitted that he was familiar with the role of Jim, the runaway slave in the musical because he performed it in Wichita, where I was directed by Jamie Coo. So that when he directed me here at the Paper Mill, I guess I was prepared. Actually," he declared, "I fell in love with the music in this show. It's just wonderful."

Clayton explained that "David Gundersman, who plays Huck Finn, and I sort of clicked during a shoot of the play a few months before its opening, when it all started. We had three or four rehearsals — there were David, Jamie, Domie, his assistant, and I. We talked about the script and built up the relationship. We learned to trust each other."

"It's been a lot of fun since then. You don't think about work because you're having such a great time. It's a great company, and that makes it easy to do this show every day. They treat me so well here. As a matter of fact, I can't wait to do another show here. The members of the cast are really great."

Clayton, a comparatively young man, portrays a middle-aged man in "Big River." He said, "It's easy because when I was a kid, I used to hang around with older men in the family, my grandfather, my grandfather's brother, my grandfather. Wherever they went, I was not far behind, I became familiar with the way my grandfather walked and talked."

Clayton was born in a little town called Mocksville, N.C. I started singing in



A ride on a raft across the Mississippi River is taken by David Gundersman, left, as Huck Finn and Lawrence Clayton as Jim in "Big River" now through Oct. 28 at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn.

church when I was 4 years old," he said. "I realized that I had a voice and that I could affect people. But I never really took it seriously, even when people told me, 'You've got a good voice, you should be a singer.' I was just a kid, and I was just a kid."

Clayton explained that he gave himself "three months to make it in New York. And before I knew it, I was working at the Billie Holiday Theater in Brooklyn, in a show called 'Tamborine to Glory.' His other Broadway appearances included 'Dreamgirls,' in which he played C.C. White, and 'High Rollers Social Pleasure Club.' He did a number of off-Broadway shows including 'Juba Tugary,' 'The Exception and the Rule' at Lincoln Center and 'Romance in Hard Times' at the Public Theater. He also performed at the Crowds Theater in 'Sophisticated Ladies' and 'Betsey Brown,' and in other regional productions, such as 'Boys From Syracuse,' and the role of Jude in 'Jesus Christ Superstar.' He has toured nationally and internationally.

Clayton's wife, Linda, he said, is "from Newark. We have a son, Matthew, who is almost 12. Right now, he's not interested in the theater. He wants to go into politics. He loves sports, baseball and he's really interested in reading."

Clayton said he comes from a family of seven children. "I have a large, extended family in North Carolina," he declared proudly. "And every 4th of July, my family has a huge party. About 200 or 300 people attend, and they are just the immediate family. We have four generations."

The actor mentioned that he has a few projects in mind after the run of "Big River." "I have a project I'm working on with Frank Wildhorn about a musical based on 'The Scarlet Empress' which is the last story or early story of our next year. I also have a new project about making a musical about the Civil War, based on photographs and letters that had been found recently."

Does Clayton have any hobbies? "When do I have time?" he exclaimed. "I read a great deal and listen to all kinds of music. And I try to spend as much time as I can with my son. It's almost like I'm a big brother to him. He's coming with my wife to see the show this weekend. For the first time, my family sees everything that I do. And 'Big River' is becoming my favorite show to do. It's the kind of show I can do over and over again. It has a lot of passion, just like in 'Porgy and Bess.' And great music!"

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ANTIQUE SHOWS

SUMMIT ANTIQUE SHOW will be held Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Summit Middle School, located at the corner of Summit and Morris avenues. The show will feature a wide variety of antique and collectible items. Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

Carolyn Remmy, auctioneer and appraiser of Consignment and Auction Galleries of Summit, will again be present to assist in the sale of items. The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Summit Middle School, located at the corner of Summit and Morris avenues. Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

Another new feature is a Gift Basket Auction, featuring baskets created by the various groups at Graydon School. These baskets will range from camping to steppower to a teddy bear picnic. Other features include a country garden, kids corner, snack bar and bake shop.

Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

ART SHOWS

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will present wood engraving artwork by Michelle Post through Oct. 17.

The exhibit will hang in The Members Gallery, NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 525-2550.

HAROLD SWEET of Hillsdale will exhibit works of art at Van Gogh's Star Cafe through Oct. 25.

The cafe is located at 1017 Shuylar Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 610-1844.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS Touring Exhibit will be displayed at Essex Chemical Company through Oct. 28. The exhibit consists of 25 pieces of art selected from the 512 works shown at the 1997 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College.

Exxon Chemical is located at 1500 Linden Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 525-2550.

LES MALAMUT Art Gallery will present "Perspective of Kat: Works" by Kathleen A. Thompson of Cranford through Oct. 20.

The gallery is located in the Union Public Library in Filiber Park on Morris Avenue. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (908) 688-2222.

TOMASULO GALLERY will feature postmodernist paintings by Tim Gaydos through Oct. 30.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The gallery is located at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

WATCHING ARTS CENTER will exhibit "Things That Go Bump in the Night" will be on display through Oct. 31. A reception will be held on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The arts center is located on the Watchung Circle. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will present oils and drawings by Ralph Sanders throughout October.

The library is located at 11 South Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-0000.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will display art work by Ralph Garza, Ivan Knyk and Barbara Zetzel throughout October. A reception for Knyk will be held on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Exhibits are displayed in the hospital's East Wing. A portion of sale proceeds will be donated to the hospital. CSH is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

PATHTWAYS will be displaying a photographic tribute during October in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is an exhibit of photographs of breast cancer survivors and loved ones lost to breast cancer and will be displayed at the Summit YMCA during October.

The Y is located at 73 Maple St., Summit. For additional information, call (908) 277-3663.

UNION LIBRARY will present a display of decorative painting through October.

Local artists Joan Sewell and Sue Decker will display colonial art forms for the Brooming Violet Chapter of Decorative Painting.

The library is located on Morris Avenue in Union.

GARDENIA: Installation by Cindy Tower, is an environmentally conscious exhibit created entirely from recycled materials. The exhibit runs through Nov. 2 in the Palmer Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will present an exhibit by

sculptor and artist Peter Reghato through Nov. 30. The exhibit will take place in the Center's outdoor Art Park. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

WORK, LIFE, TOOLS, an exhibition featuring a variety of tools, will be on display at Afton Associates in Union on Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Afton Associates is located at 2 Stahler Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 851-5170.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will display photographic works by Owen Luck in the Members Gallery from Oct. 18 through Nov. 16.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

AUDITIONS

SPARTAN PRODUCTIONS COMPANY is having auditions for a Christmas show and a variety show. Audition dates are Oct. 12 from 5-8 p.m. and Oct. 21 and Oct. 22 from 6-9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on Valley Road in Lyons, NJ. In the Building 5 auditorium. Show dates are Dec. 14 for the Christmas show and Feb. 8 for the variety show.

Needed are singers, musicians, actors and comedians. Singers prepare an up tempo song. Comedians prepare a monologue or routine. For more information, call (201) 782-4231.

BALLET

NEW JERSEY BALLET will begin their Saturday night repertory concert series on Saturday at 8 p.m. with an evening of classical ballet.

The concert will take place in Kean College's Wilkins Theatre. Tickets are \$17, seniors \$15, students \$10. The college is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

CLASSES

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION is offering visual arts classes on Wednesdays in five-week segments. The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27.

Classes will be held at the Garden Recreation Center, on Melrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace, Linden. For information, call (908) 486-1406.

WESTFIELD RECREATION will sponsor art classes for adults and seniors, for beginners, on Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. Charcoal drawing and non-toxic oil painting for children grade 3-5 will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Classes run for ten sessions, from mid-October through December, and are taught by Kathy Korman, whose personal fee is \$30. Classes will be held at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield. For information, call (908) 799-0900.

WATCHING ARTS CENTER will hold The Internet for Artists seminar on Oct. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. The seminar will include an introductory discussion describing how the World Wide Web works, then explore ways in which it can be used by visual artists.

Tuition is \$10, discounted to \$8 for center members. The arts center is located on the Watchung Circle. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

CONCERTS

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Young People's Concerts: Music in Living Color will be presented tomorrow at 3:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Plainfield High School.

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Last market day

The 1997 season of the Saturday Marketplace in downtown Rahway will close on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Saturday Marketplace is located in Parking Lot F, adjacent to the train station, at the corner of Irving and Broad streets.

Sports card show

Rahway P.A.L. Sports Card/Memorabilia Show will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Eastbrook Ave. Admission is \$1. Vendors should call (732) 827-2094.

NCNW seeks members

The National Council of Negro Women Inc. Rahway Section will host a membership tea on Oct. 25 at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, 253 Central Ave., Rahway, at 4 p.m. NCNW is inviting all members and prospective members that are interested in working on the following programs of National Council of Negro Women Rahway Section: Christmas Party for seniors, Teenage Awareness Program, Teenage Pageant and Adopt A Senior. Refreshment will be served admission free. Any questions, call 381-3584 or 382-3509 for Mary McLeod and Paula Braxton Co-Chairpersons. Joanne Blount Rahway Section President.

Tickets on sale

Rahway Hospital Foundation announces the availability of tickets to the 1997 Holiday Concert, performed by The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea under the direction of its renowned conductor, Reverend, Alphonsus Stephens. The fund raising event will be held at Union County Arts Center, Rahway, Wednesday evening, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. The holiday concert has become an annual tradition in which the community joins together to enjoy classic holiday music for the benefit of its local hospital. The Dec. 10 concert is fully underwritten by The Rahway Savings Institution. All proceeds from this event will go to Rahway Hospital Foundation in its support of the activities and services of Rahway Hospital. Tickets are priced at \$25, \$20 and \$15. Tickets for the concert are on sale in Rahway Hospital Foundation's Development Office (732) 499-6135, and can also be purchased at Union County Arts Center Box Office, 1601 Irving St., (732) 499-8226.

DPW asks for help

The Rahway Department of Public Works needs cooperation. The department asks that all Rahway residents refrain from making "leaves" or "clippings" on the street until November for the following reasons:

- Costs more for disposal.
- Obstructs catch basins and sewer lines.

It is also against the law. Yard waste is collected on your first regular garbage day on the week only. All leaves/grass clippings etc. must be placed in sturdy reusable containers or paper bags that weigh less than sixty pounds. Branches must be tied and bundled in four foot lengths and also weigh less than 60 pounds.



Courtesy of U.S. Department of Defense

Government may ignore lasting effects of Vietnam-era chemicals

By Liane Ingalls
Staff Writer

Though the United States government denied knowledge about the devastating physical effects of exposure to Agent Orange and its chemical relatives, the Vietnam War veterans are becoming increasingly aware of the harmful effects of defoliation of the other herbicides.

It is important to note that Agent Orange was never diluted in any way. Whatever sprayings took place consisted of the purest form of the agent.

The herbicide was used in one of two ways. The herbicide was dispersed from aircraft or by being dropped off military trucks through an operation called Operation Ranch Hand. Both operations were instituted as a result of commands issued by then Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara.

McNamara played a key role in instituting the defoliation project. He also played a central role in keeping the defoliation project going even when some experts from the RAND Corporation expressed reservations about the spraying of defoliants.

The RAND Corp. issued two reports with conclusions about the agent. One report, issued in 1962, stated that the spraying of Agent Orange was "probably" responsible for 15 to 20 percent of the deaths of Vietnamese civilians. The other report, issued in 1964, stated that the spraying of Agent Orange was "probably" responsible for 15 to 20 percent of the deaths of Vietnamese civilians.

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Police link m with crime spree

By Liane Ingalls
Staff Writer

Rahway police apprehended a man they believe has been behind a two-day crime spree in Rahway.

Police arrested Anthony McCormick, a resident of Patricia Avenue in Colonia, and charged him with robbery, burglary, theft, kidnapping, terroristic threats, and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. He is alleged to be responsible for the robbery at a Branch Road residence, a Madison Avenue residence, and entering the March & Co. property, and possibly the robbery of an Exxon gas station located on Routes 1&2.

On Oct. 4, a resident of Branch Road in Rahway reported that he had been mugged on his front lawn around 2:30 p.m. When he turned the lawn mower off, he heard his wife screaming from the inside of the house. As he entered the house, he noticed the suspect was holding a knife, which he obtained from the kitchen, to his 7-year-old son's throat. The suspect threatened to hurt the child if they didn't give him money. The victim and his wife gave the suspect jewelry, including a gold chain and \$45 in cash. The suspect then ordered the family to lie down on the living room floor.

After the suspect left the property, the family fled the house and immediately went to the Rahway Police headquarters to report the crime. After the police were notified, the area was searched but no suspect was apprehended at the time. There were no physical injuries to any of the victims including an infant child that was present in the house at the time of the incident.

The following Tuesday, around 3 a.m., the suspect reportedly forced open a ground floor window at a Madison Avenue residence. The victim reported that sometime between 3 and 3:30 a.m., the suspect grabbed her arm and woke her. The suspect reportedly asked the victim for money and her good jewelry. He apparently said that he would not hurt her if she didn't look at the face. The victim, an elderly woman, gave the suspect \$115 in cash and some earrings. The suspect then searched the house and took a bottle of vodka. He fled out of the rear door. He was in the house about 20 minutes.

The victim was so upset that she didn't call the police until about 9 a.m. the following morning. The victim was physically unharmed. The suspect was

City budget awaits its final approval

By Sean Dally
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The budget process has begun in Rahway.

Mayor James Kennedy presented the municipal budget for fiscal year 1997-98 at Tuesday's City Council meeting. The \$26,560,610 budget was approved 8-1 by the council.

The council still needs to meet with the department heads in the city government and make adjustments before the budget receives final approval. These meetings still need to be scheduled.

The budget is "actually very good news," said Kennedy.

Right now, before adjustments, the budget is \$315,766 higher than last year's budget of \$26,244,844, an increase of 1.2 percent.

But the amount to be collected by taxes is \$399,377 less this year, down from \$133,747 to \$132,754,996. This is a reduction of 3 percent.

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Non-profit center gives help to new mothers

By Sean Dally
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Area residents have a place they can go when they are in crisis.

It is the Rose Garden Home and it's a place women can go when they are pregnant. It is situated between the Buehler Grocery and Cindy's Luncheonette on Irving Street in Rahway. But it's not an abortion clinic or a family planning center — quite the opposite. It's a place to help women have their babies and to help set them up after birth.

"The most often heard complaint is, 'I didn't know what was available to me' or 'I wouldn't have had the abortion if I didn't know what was available to me,'" said Lynn Cahill, president of the Rose Garden Home.

The center has been in business since May. In that time, 65 people, including three men, have used the services at the Rose Garden Home. They range in age from 15 to 42 years of age.

The Rose Garden Home is run by practicing Catholics, people who are affiliated with the church. But it is not affiliated with any church or the Archdiocese of Newark, said Cahill, and there are no attempts to convert anyone. It is a non-profit organization that runs strictly on donations and it takes in anyone of any race, gender or faith.

Not all of the people who walk in need help with a pregnancy. One of the men they served walked in looking for a job. They referred him to "someone who could help him better."

The center has gotten women from all levels — mostly from the middle-class, said Cahill, but still from all levels.

"Let's put it this way," said Cahill. "People think that this is everyone else's problem and it isn't."

The center offers services such as free pregnancy testing and support groups and tries to find housing for pregnant women. It even provides free transportation to and from medical appointments. There is also information and counseling on parenting skills and adoption and post-abortion counseling.

"Basically, what we're trying to do is hook them up with prenatal and medical care as closely as possible," she said. The center does not pay for medical care — pregnant women are eligible for Medicaid in New Jersey, said Cahill — but it does do a lot of work with Rahway Hospital.

The group also has a number of discussion groups for people with Alzheimer's Disease and Project Lesca for friends and families of handicapped children who are expecting handicapped children. Teen-agers can get information on self-esteem and peer pressure for teens.

There is also some talk about sex here. The center promotes chastity, but also teaches that pregnancy isn't the only aspect of sex. One woman who came into the office reportedly had no worries about AIDS.

The center is planning to open a home for unwed mothers that will provide housing for mothers and children for up to two years after birth.

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Incinerator expansion may increase truck traffic

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With the proposed lease with Oglethorpe on the table, some Rahway residents have been wondering whether their quality of life will deteriorate based on some factors within the lease agreement.

The proposed lease agreement calls for a minimum of 250,000 tons of waste to be burned in the Rahway incinerator. These numbers cause some concern for residents because of the possible increase in the amount of traffic on the city's roads.

Councilman Frank Janusz said, "Logically, if they expand the facility, then the number of trucks on the city's streets will increase. Expansion means that there will be more wear and tear on the streets. There will be more pot holes and crumbling bridges. What I want to know is who's going to pay for it? The citizens of Rahway? Isn't this agreement supposed to benefit us?"

"Right now, we have five trucks a day going to the incinerator. With the expansion, I calculate 10 trucks a day, six days a week. That's 60 trucks a week on Rahway streets," Mayor James Kennedy said. "The number of trucks will not increase. It's five right now and that's what we estimate it to be in the future."

Janusz also raised the issue of Oglethorpe not paying taxes. He said, "Why can't Oglethorpe pay the full freight? They're not going to be making a ton of money on this deal. We're handing out the county, but we're handing

"The city will also share profits with Oglethorpe for any electricity of steam energy that is created through the incinerator."

— James Kennedy, Mayor

Oglethorpe's a gift. If we were to tax this building at the going rate on the \$175,000,000 that they're leasing it for, we'd get over \$4.4 million in tax revenue. That's the rate of tax on every other business in Rahway, why not Oglethorpe?"

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